

ITEM: 17

SUBJECT: City of Shafter, Northern Portion, Kern County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of a Resolution Approving and Accepting the City of Shafter's Declaration of Potential Water Pollution and a Time Schedule for compliance*

BACKGROUND: The Small Communities Grant Program provides funding for the construction of publicly owned wastewater collection and treatment facilities. For the subject project to be placed in the Priority Class B for funding, the Regional Board must approve and accept the City of Shafter's declaration of a potential pollution and its time schedule for mitigation.

The City has requested placement on the Small Community Grant Project priority list for planning, design, and construction of a sewerage collection system to be connected to the City's existing treatment and disposal facilities. The City reports widespread septic system malfunctioning in North Shafter as indicated by frequent necessary septic tank pumping and inappropriate graywater disposal, where at least 146 of the occupied properties had one or both of these symptoms. During the decade beginning in 1980, approximately 75% of North Shafter's community water systems had levels of nitrates in violation of the Maximum Contaminant Level of 45 mg/L, requiring that a new water distribution system be constructed in the early part of the decade beginning in 1990. Through its City Manager, the Shafter City Council has declared a potential pollution in the area. The City of Shafter has established the following time schedule:

Planning and Pollution Study	August 2005
Complete Planning Phase	September 2005
Initiate Design	December 2005
Complete Design Phase	June 2006
Advertise for Bids	July 2006
Award Construction Contract	September 2006
Complete Construction	April 2007
Complete Connections to New System	November 2007

The proposed Resolution approves and accepts the City of Shafter's declaration and time schedule, which is sufficient for Priority Class B.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed resolution.

Mgmt. Review _____
Legal Review _____

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